

ABSTRACT

The present invention makes it possible to perform copy control so that the available number of copy times of the data indicating the same contents is invariable irrespective of the type of playback apparatus.

An information recording apparatus in the present invention has at least two recording areas. The first recording area includes: first content information; first management information; and first copyright-related information. The second recording area includes: second contents; and second management information including second copyright-related information. The respective first content information and second content information are the same in contents but different in attributes. The second management information includes: link information indicating the relationship between the first content information and the second content information; and a copyright-compliant flag. This copyright-compliant flag indicates whether or not the copyright restriction indicated by the second copyright-related information matches the copyright restriction indicated by the first copyright-related information which are linked to each other.